

Anglican Parish of Alstonville

St Bartholomew's, Alstonville with
St Peter and St Paul's, Tregagle

4th March 2018

Lent 3



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Wave of Prayer

Please turn off your mobile phone during worship.
Please note a hearing loop is installed on the right hand side of St Barts.
Toilets are located in the front of the Hall.
First Aid Kits are located in the Church & the Hall.

"Sharing the Good Life"

I want to talk today about **Anger**. Many agree that anger is a very powerful force. Think about your experiences of anger; both positive and negative; your anger and the anger of others. It is often the case that some have been taught that anger is a "bad" thing; that "good people" do not get angry. This is not the Biblical perspective: nowhere does God or the Scriptures ask us not to get angry. Space is created for anger, but guidelines are given to shape the anger: in your anger do not sin and do not let the sun go down on your anger. Ephesians 4.26 teaches: "Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger ..."

Jesus is immensely attractive. One aspect of Jesus that many find so attractive is his utter wholeness. Jesus is not frightened by his own anger. More than being comfortable with his own anger, Jesus allows his anger to consume him. We encounter Jesus today in the temple and he is very angry. It is a hard story, it jars because Jesus is experienced as a confrontational presence of God in the temple: zealous and powerfully angry. We see that Jesus is on a collision course with organised religion and institutionalised worship. He stands in a long line of Hebrew prophets who for many centuries have condemned worship that does not seek what God seeks: righteousness, justice, mercy and compassion for the weak, the vulnerable, the poor, the least, the lost and the unlikely.

To be clear, we are talking about anger, righteous anger and not abuse. We live in a broken world where in anger parents hurt children and partners hurt each other. The word for this is abuse.

Anger is Teacher. Anger is Spiritual Director. Anger educates. As such anger should be listened to, anger should we held until the work of God that anger hopes to achieve bursts forth into the world.

Righteous Anger comes to restore balance, justice, mercy, compassion. Righteous Anger comes to bring us back again to true worship, living the commandments that require that none are slaves again (Exodus 20.1-17).



Coming Soon

Sunday @ 6

Commencing
on Pentecost

Men's Breakfast 24th March

The women of the parish invite the men of the parish to breakfast at 7.30am (for 7.45am) on Saturday 24th March. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Friday and Sunday services or at the office. No tickets will be available at the door. Feel free to invite friends. We will be having an internationally travelled "mystery" guest speaker.

Keys

A set of keys have been found. Please contact the Parish Office if you are missing a set of keys. There will be a **key muster** to take place soon in the parish for all holding keys to buildings. If you have not used your keys in the last 12 months please hand them in.

Office Closure

The office will be closed on Friday 16th March for Finance training. Sorry for any inconvenience. Johnny Sernberg

Fellowship Group

Will meet for lunch at the Bunga Raya restaurant at midday on Thursday 8th March. Contact is Carol Vidal if you would like to join us.

Fun Families get-together

Messy Church families and others are invited to slip n slide, splash n dash re-scheduled to **TODAY** at 2.00pm at **Paul & Lesley Earner's home.**



LLM1 Nomination

Parish council has nominated Barbara Jane Fewtrell.

Qualifications 143.1 A Licensed Lay Minister must: (a) show evidence of Christian maturity, piety and loyalty; (b) be a regular communicant member of the Anglican Church; (c) have demonstrated leadership qualities within the Church; (d) have completed, or embarked upon, a course of theological study approved by the Bishop; and (e) have demonstrated the physical and mental capacity to minister. Nomination 144.1 Any layperson may be nominated as a Licensed Lay Minister to the Bishop by the Incumbent. Such nomination must have the endorsement of the Churchwardens and Parish Council and shall be in such form as the Bishop may from time to time prescribe. 144.2 Notice of any nomination is to be brought to the attention of the relevant Parish community and any objections that may be made to the nomination shall be considered, in the case of a Parish, by the Incumbent and Churchwardens and reported to the Bishop with their comments thereon.

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Easter Services @ St Bartholomew's

Palm Sunday	25th March	8:00 am	– Holy Communion
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Maundy Thursday	29th March	4:30pm	– Meal
		6:00pm	– Holy Communion
		8:00pm	– Vigil begins
Good Friday	30th March	10:00am	– Vigil Concludes
		10:00am	– Holy Communion
Easter Saturday	31st March	6:00pm	– Family Service
Easter Sunday	1st April	8:00am	– Holy Communion

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday	5th Mar	10:00am	Manna & Mercy–Hall
		1:00pm	Sew Helpful Group–Hall
		6:30pm	Marriage Course–Hall
Tuesday	6th Mar	6:00pm	Manna & Mercy– Hall
Wednesday	7th Mar	9:00am	Meditation–St Bart's
		4.30pm	Worship & Spirituality Hub
Thursday	8th Mar	9:30am	Play Place–Hall
		6:00pm	Contemplative Church
Friday	9th Mar	10:00am	Friday Service @ St Bart's
		2:00pm	Choir Practice
		5:00pm	Music Group Practice
Sunday	11th Mar	8:00am	Holy Communion– St Bart's
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		10.00am	Tregeagle

Bible Readings

4th March	8am John 2:13-22	10am John 12:20-26
	11th March	John 3:14-21